



Old Greenwich

Presbyterian Church

IN COMMUNION WE
ARE MANY IN ONE



**5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

OUR CHURCH'S MISSION:
To celebrate the love of God
in all we say and do.

(Please turn off cell phones or put them in vibrate mode. Thank you.)

(* indicates where the congregation may rise -- in body or in spirit.

Responses are in **bold font**.)

If you are new or visiting, we welcome you to Old Greenwich! If you would like the Pastor to contact you, please fill out the Welcome Card found in the pew holders. If anyone has a prayer request, there is room on the reverse of the card to enter it. Please place the cards in one of the Offering Plates later in the service.

PRELUDE

Tom DiGiovanni

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mardis-LeCroy

INTROIT

"O God Beyond All Praising"

2009 v. 1

Congregation is invited to sing along, if you feel so led!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 50:1-6)

OGPC Youth, Liturgists

The mighty one, God the Sovereign,
speaks and summons the earth:
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
the Lord shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before God is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around.

**God calls to the heavens above
and to the earth,**

that the Lord may judge the people:

"Gather to me my faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**The heavens declare God's righteousness,
for God indeed is judge.**

*OPENING HYMN

"All Who Hunger"

2126

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present,
and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail
to recognize you in the daily-ness of our lives. Sometimes
shame clenches tightly around our hearts. Sometimes fear
makes us small. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness.**

Loving and Living Christ, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near and in and through us. Help us to see you in the all the possibility to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak the truth that comes only from you.

*SILENT CONFESSION with “Amen” played

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:

World without end! Amen! Amen!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Lisa Kolterjahn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, shine your light upon us. Open our hearts to hear what you are saying to your church through your Word of grace. And, help us to do what you invite us to do. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 40:21-31

OT, Pg. 668

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“At the Table of the Lord”

- by Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 10:13-17

NT, Pg. 172

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“At the Table of Our Lord”

Rev. Mardis-LeCroy

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Tom DiGiovanni

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (with the Lord’s Prayer)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our

debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory *"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"* by Robert MacGimsey
Bill Cotte, Basso
592

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Gracious and Giving God, thank you that you love us just as we are, but too much to leave us this way. Thank you for the gift of being hungry. Thank you that you feed us when we come to this Table of Plenty, where all of us are welcome, where all of us can break bread together as the Body of Christ. Bless the whole world with our offerings, which we give back to you now. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *"Though I May Speak"* # 335

*THE SENDING

CHORAL RESPONSE *"Great Amen"* #2257d
Congregation is invited to sing along, if you feel so led!

POSTLUDE

All are welcome to join for fellowship (coffee, tea, juice)
in Memorial Hall following the worship service.

Announcements

Today, **Sunday, February 4, 2024**, we celebrate the **5th Sunday after Epiphany** at a 10 am worship service with preacher, **The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy**. The service will be streamed on our Facebook Live feed at "Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church." (Facebook account is needed to access the Facebook Live feed.)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The Pastor or the Administrative Ass't, or both, will be in the church Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. Offices are closed on Fridays.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR SOLOIST BILL COTTE. Bill is a retired professor of music from Lyndon State College in Vermont (1990-2017) and a retired pastor (1975-2020), serving various congregations in New Jersey and Vermont.

USHER TEAM SCHEDULE: Feb 4 - Team 2; Feb 11, Team 3

CONGRATULATIONS CONGREGATION! on not only meeting, but exceeding our pledge goal of \$260,000, reaching \$273,994 and 76 pledging units! Thank you for your generosity and believing in God's work that we do together!

2024 PER CAPITA: Per capita is an opportunity for all members of the Presbyterian Church to participate equally, responsibly and interdependently in ministry and mission. In the entryway, you will see a poster filled with 243 people outlines. This represents each member of the church for whom we pay per capita. When you make your \$42.50 payment, or yours and someone else's, please color in an outline! Our goal is to fully color in the graphic representing each of our members. Together, and with God's help, nothing is impossible for OGPC!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! Musicians wanted! Would you like to sing or play an instrument during our Sunday service? Send Tom DiGiovanni an email to start the conversation. digtom@hotmail.com

FISH & CHYPS Youth group meets tonight (2/4) at College Hill Presbyterian. This middle and high school age group meets every other Sunday. Join them tonight for Breakfast for Dinner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES: We have two different age group Sunday Schools: Pre-K / Elementary School, and Middle / High School.

Pre-K/Elementary meets every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) Children will worship with their families until after Time with the Young Church when they will be dismissed to their classrooms.

Middle/High School meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 9 to 9:40 in Room 22. Elder Jen Miller and Pastor Mary Beth are co-teaching a class on Welcome. Please see Pastor Mary Beth or Elder Jen Miller njjmillers@msn.com with any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY: The group will meet next on Tuesday, February 20, 12 to 1 in the Prayer Room (behind Memorial Hall) at the church.

THE Community Outreach committee has organized two drives for the month of February:

DIAPER AND BABY WIPE COLLECTION - Collecting diapers and baby wipes through Sunday, Feb. 8. Donations will go to St. Anne's Center/Grandma's House in Phillipsburg. The St. Anne's Center is a comfortable home for women working towards goals and independence while caring for their young children.

SOUPERBOWL IN FEBRUARY - Collecting homemade soup in 1-quart containers during the month of Feb. Containers available in the church kitchen. Please make your favorite homemade soup, label the container, freeze it and bring it to the church by Sun. Feb. 25. Soups will be delivered to 27 shut in families during the first week of March.

THE CHURCH CARE AND KINSHIP committee is already planning how to make next Christmas special by reserving seats for the Christmas Show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, NJ (4 miles west of Clinton, NJ). The date is Sunday Dec 8, 2024. Doors open at 2:30 pm. Cost is \$82 for a meal and the show. Children's tickets are \$72. Transportation is on your own. Contact Barb Frinzi with questions. 908-343-1144 or frinzi3@msn.com. Sign up in Memorial Hall with a \$10 deposit given to Cathy Ahart.

SUNDAY FLORAL DEDICATIONS: Sign up for communion table flower arrangements dedicated to a loved one. The cost to purchase arrangements is **\$20 each**. Contact Robert Todd at ogpcflow-ers@gmail.com or 908-235-9322 to place an order and arrange a dedication. Please place order *only one to two weeks prior* to the date which you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin. (Orders placed months ahead leaves too much chance they will get lost or forgotten!)

HOME COMMUNION: If you would like to receive home communion or know of someone who would, please contact Deacon Moderator, Robert Todd at robert_todd@icloud.com or Pastor Mary Beth at pastormarybeth@gmail.com.

TRANSPORTATION: If you know of someone who needs transportation to and from church (other trips possible as well), please let Deacon Ernie Maso 908-619-8517 or Pastor Mary Beth know.

PRAYERS, THANKSGIVING, AND CONTEMPLATION

Carol Lee Doeringer gives thanks that an EMT was close by and able to help when she fell recently; prayers for Wendy Theurer as she grieves the death of her sister, Elaine and prayers for Elaine's loved ones. Continue to pray for Debbie Mowrey's sister Brenda, who has suffered a second stroke, prayers of healing and strength. Also, Debbie Mowrey's sister, Kathy needs prayers for healing. Pray for Joan Pursel and her family, especially her sister Karen, who is in hospice care in Arizona. Prayers for Tammy and Mike Ludwig, friends of Barb and Charlie Frinzi, whose son Zach was killed on New Year's Eve. Pray for all those facing illness or circumstances that seem insurmountable. Pray for those struggling with mental illness and those who struggle with addictions and their families. Please pray for Anita Campbell, healing from foot surgery on 1/9; Pray for Sandy & Fritz Hamlin's daughter-in-law, Robin, who has cancer; prayers for Stephen Toman. Lord we give you thanks for the generosity of our congregation, and guide us as we do your work in this new year. Continue to pray for our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; the citizens of Ukraine and the citizens of Israel and Palestine.

Greenwich Nursery School
Celebrating 50 Years

Heavy Appetizers

Fun Night

**TRIVIA
NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Enjoy a night out for a good cause!
Prizes for the winning team!

RSVP using the QR Code

Proceeds go to new playground equipment.

MARCH 2, 2024 SAT

Cash Bar

DJ Doctor D

Mainline Catering & Events
341 Pursel Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

\$60 PER PERSON 5PM-8PM

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